

**SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2020**  
**+Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection C4**  
**+Forefeast**  
**Hieromartyr Cornelius (Kornilios) the Centurian C1**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Tone 5 & Eothinón 3**

**VESPERS**

**Lord I have cried**

Tone 5

O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;

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Note the voice of my plea when I cry to you.

O Lord, listen to me.

<sup>2</sup> Let my prayer be directed before you like incense,  
the raising of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

O Lord, listen to me.

S10: Lead my soul from prison that I may acknowledge your name.

O Christ, you have put the Devil to shame by your precious cross. You have blunted the sting of sin and saved us from the gates of death by your resurrection. We glorify you, only begotten *Lord*.

S9: The just will wait for me until you reward me.

Christ was led like a sheep to the slaughter in order to grant resurrection to the human race. The princes of Hades were frightened by this, for the gates of sorrow were raised. Christ the King of glory had entered. He said to those in chains, "Go out," and to those in darkness, "Come to the light."

S8: O Lord, I have cried to you from the depths;

O Lord listen to my voice.

O great wonder! The Creator of invisible matter suffered in the flesh in his love for the human race and rose again as immortal *Lord*. O families of nations, come and worship him. We have been rescued from error by his compassion and have learnt to sing about one God in three persons.

S7: Let your ears note the voice of my plea.

O unfading Light, we offer you our evening worship. You shone on the world in the flesh in these last days as though in a glass. You even descended to Hades to banish its darkness. You have revealed the light of the resurrection to the nations. Glory to you, O Lord, Giver of light, glory to you!

Tone 6

S6: O Lord *our* Lord, if you mark offences,  
who will stand?

But there is forgiveness with you.

The old law decreed that dedications should be honoured in splendour; even more should the new also be honoured. For as Isaiah proclaims, “The islands are made new for God.” By this we understand the churches now built by the nations which receive a firm foundation from God. Therefore let us spiritually celebrate this present feast.

S5: O Lord, I have waited for you for the sake of your name;  
my soul has waited for your word,  
my soul has hoped in the Lord.

O brothers, be renewed! After you have put away the old man, live in newness of life. Bridle everything from which death may come. Let us discipline all our members and hate every evil fruit of the tree. As we remember it, let us avoid our ancient errors so that the human race may be restored in this way. So the day of dedication is honoured.

S4: Let Israel hope in the Lord  
from the morning watch until night,  
from the morning watch.

O Christ, the pre-eternal Word, you set up your church as a tower of strength and founded it on the rock of the faith. Therefore it remains unshaken for ever in you, for you became unchangeably man in these latter times for its sake. Therefore we give thanks, praise you and say. “You are our King since before time began, now and for ever. Glory to you!”

Tone 4

S3: For there is mercy with the Lord  
and abundant redemption with him.  
He will redeem Israel  
from all his offences.

O Cornelius, when he saw your good works and divine pleading, Christ sent a holy angel to you, in order wholly to enlighten you. O rightly glorious saint he *also sent* the leader of the sacred apostles who renewed you with water and the Spirit together with all your household and taught you sublime things through the grace of the Spirit.

S2: Every nation, praise the Lord;  
every people, acclaim him!

You were anointed with the oil of the priesthood. O divinely wise *saint*, you hurried to announce the preaching of salvation to every land. You uprooted the thorns of falsehood and planted the true faith in men's souls through the Spirit. Therefore, O Corneliuss, we bless you in gladness as a God-pleasing hierarch and an invincible martyr.

S1: For he has strengthened his mercy over us  
and the truth of the Lord remains for ever.

The foolish were shown to be wise. O wise Cornelius, since you died and took up your home in grace according to the laws of nature, you have produced a spring of many wonders. O divinely inspired *saint*, you

Glory: Tone 6

O Lord, as we celebrate the memory of the dedication and glorify you, the Giver of holiness, we pray, "O good and almighty *Lord*, let the senses of our souls be hallowed through the pleas of the glorious passion-bearers."

Both now: Tone 5

In the Red Sea of old, a type of the virgin Bride was prefigured. There Moses divided the waters; here Gabriel assisted in the miracle. There Israel crossed the sea without getting wet; here the Virgin gave birth to Christ without seed. After Israel's passage, the sea remained impassable; after Emmanuel's birth, the spotless *Lady* remained a virgin. O eternally-existing God, O Lord appearing as man, have mercy on us.

### **Phos Ilarón**

P/D: Wisdom! Stand upright!

O Jesus Christ, joyful light of the holy glory  
of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father,  
when we come to the setting of the sun  
and see the light of evening,

we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

For it is right at all times to worship you  
with voices of praise,  
O Son of God *and* Giver of life.  
Therefore the world glorifies you.

### **Prokeímenon**

P/D: The Evening Prokeimenon

R: The Lord reigns *and* is clothed with majesty.

S1: The Lord has put on power and clothed himself.

S2: He founded the world, which will not be moved.

### **Ektení**

#### **Prayer**

O Lord, allow us this night to be guarded from sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers! Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. O Lord, let your mercy be on us, for we have hoped in you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. Blessed are you, O Master; make me understand your statutes. Blessed are you, O Holy *One*; enlighten me with your statutes. O Lord, your mercy lasts for ever; do not overlook the work of your hands. To you belongs worship, to you belongs praise, to you belongs glory, to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

### **Plirotiká**

#### **Prayer**

P: Peace be with you all. R: And with your spirit

D: Bow down your heads to the Lord. R: To you, O Lord.

P: For blessed and glorified is the power of your Kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.  
*Amen.*

### **Apósticha**

Tone 5

O Lord, you have annulled our ancestral curse by ascending the cross. You have freed those in chains throughout the ages by descending to Hades and have granted incorruption to the human race. Therefore we glorify your life-giving and saving resurrection with hymns.

S1: The Lord reigns *and* is clothed with majesty;  
the Lord has put on power and clothed himself. Ps 92

Uniquely-powerful Lord, you made the whole creation quake by hanging on the tree. You have raised those who lived in the tombs by being laid in the tomb; you have granted life and incorruption to the human race. Therefore we glorify your resurrection on the third day with hymns.

S2: For he founded the world which will not be moved.

O Christ, a lawless people handed you over to Pilate and condemned you to be crucified, therefore they proved themselves ungrateful before their Benefactor. You willingly endured burial, rose by your own power on the third day and granted us eternal life and great mercy, for you are God.

S3: O Lord, holiness is right for your house to length of days. Ps 92

The women reached your tomb with tears, searched for you, but did not find you. They cried out with grief, “Woe to us! Our Saviour, King of all, how were you stolen? What place can hold your life-bearing body?” But an angel replied to them, “Do not weep but go and proclaim that the Lord has risen and grants us joy, for he is the uniquely-compassionate *Lord*.”

Glory: Both now:

All-honoured Virgin, you are the gate, the temple, the palace and the throne of the King. From you Christ the Lord, my Redeemer, appeared to those who sat in darkness. He is the Sun of justice who desired to enlighten those whom he had created in his image with his own hand. Therefore, all praised *Lady*, pray continually that our souls may be saved, for you possess motherly boldness before him.

### **Song of Simeon**

B/P: O Master, now let your servant depart in peace  
according to your word,

<sup>2</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared before all peoples,

<sup>3</sup> a light of revelation for *the* nations

and *the* glory of your people Israel.

## Triságon Prayers

### Apolytíka

Tone 5

O faithful, let us praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit. He was born from the Virgin for our salvation; for he determined to ascend the cross in the flesh, to endure death and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

Tone 4

As you revealed from above the splendour of the heavens, so you revealed on earth the splendour of the house of your holy glory. O Life and Resurrection of all, make it stand firm for ever and accept in it the pleas which we continually offer you through the Theotokos.

Tone 4

O Lord, we offer in intercession the life-creating cross of your goodness which you have granted to us who are unworthy. Only Lover of the human race, save the Orthodox Christians through the Theotokos.

### Dismissal

## ORTHROS

### God is the Lord Ps 117

R: God is the Lord and has appeared to us.

Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name. *Ps 117*

S1: Thank the Lord, for he is good,  
for his mercy lasts for ever.

S2: All the nations surrounded me,  
but I opposed them in the Lord's name.

S3: This *is* the Lord's doing  
and it is wonderful in our eyes.

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### **Small Litany**

P: For yours is the might, and yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

### **Kathisma 1**

Tone 5

Let us celebrate the cross of the Lord, honour his sacred tomb with song and glorify the resurrection. For as God, he raised the dead from the tomb, stripped death of its power and the Devil of his strength; he illuminated those in Hades.

Glory:

O Lord, you were called dead, but put death to death. You were laid you in a tomb, but emptied the tomb. The soldiers guarded the sepulchre above, while below you were raising the dead from all the ages. Glory to you, almighty and incomprehensible Lord!

Both now:

Hail, O sacred mountain, where God has walked! Hail, O living bush which was not consumed by fire! Hail, only bridge between the world and God leading the dead to eternal life! Hail, O undefiled Maiden, for you gave birth to the Salvation of our souls without knowing a man!

## **Kathísma 2**

O Lord, after your resurrection on the third day when the Apostles had worshipped you, Peter called out to you, “The women boldly ventured out, while I was a coward. The Thief acknowledges God, while I denied him. Will you continue to call me a disciple? Will you not make me again a fisherman of the sea? But, O God, accept me as a penitent and save me.”

Glory:

O merciful Lord, the lawless ones nailed you between those who were condemned and pierced your side with a spear. You accepted the tomb, demolished the gates of Hades and rose on the third day. The women ran to see you and announced your resurrection to the Apostles. O Lord, highly exalted Saviour, the angels sing your praises; glory to you!

Both now:

Unwedded Bride, you gave birth to God *and* have turned Eve’s grief to joy. The faithful sing your praises and venerate you because you have led us away from the ancient curse. O honourable *and* all-holy *Lady*, pray continually that we may be saved.

## **Evlogitária**

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

The assembly of angels was amazed when it saw you among the dead. O Saviour, by destroying the power of death, you raised Adam with you and freed everyone from Hades.

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

The radiant angel cried to the Myrrhbearers from the tomb, "Why do you women mingle myrrh with your tears? Look at the tomb and understand. The Saviour has risen from the tomb."

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

The Myrrhbearers ran sorrowfully to your tomb very early in the morning, but an angel came to them and said, "The time for sorrow has come to an end. Do not weep, but announce the resurrection to the apostles."

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

The Myrrhbearers were sorrowful as they approached your tomb, but the angel said to them: Why do you number the Living among the dead? As God he has risen from the tomb."

Glory:

We worship the Father, his Son and the Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity, one in Being. We cry with the Seraphim, "Holy, Holy, Holy are you, O Lord."

Both now:

O Virgin, because you gave birth to the Giver of Life, you rescued Adam from his sin. You gave Eve joy instead of sadness. The Divine Man who was born from you has restored to life those who had fallen from it.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to you, O God. (X3)

O our God and our hope, glory to you.

### **Small Litany**

P: For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

### **Ypakói**

*Read without note*

The sight of the angel dazzled the minds of the myrrhbearing women and their spirits were enlightened by your divine Resurrection. They preached the good news to the Apostles, "Announce to the nations the Lord's Resurrection. He has worked wonders and grants us great mercy!"

### **Anaváthmi Tone 5**

Antiphon 1 Ps 131

My Saviour, I sing to you like David in my trouble;  
save my soul from crafty speech.

The life of those who live in the desert is blessed;  
they are supported by divine passion.

Glory: Both now:

Everything seen and unseen is preserved by the Holy Spirit,  
for he has power in himself as truly one of the Trinity.

Antiphone 2 Ps 120

My soul, let us ascend the mountains;  
 come to the place where help is found.

O Christ, let your right hand rush  
 to guard me from everything sinister.

Glory: both now:

As we speak about divine matters through the Holy Spirit,  
 we say, “You are God, life, desire, light and mind.  
 You are goodness and reign for ever.

Antiphon 3 Ps 121

I offer my prayer for those who said to me,  
 “Let us go to the courts of the Lord,  
 filled with great joy.”

Fearful things will be done to the house of David,  
 for a fire there will consume every shameful thought.

Glory: Both now:

The government of life belongs to the Holy Spirit  
 and every creature is given the breath of life through him  
 as also in the Father and the Word.

### **Prokeímenon Ps 9**

R: O Lord my God, rise,  
 for you reign for ever.

S: O Lord, I will thank you with all my heart.

### **Small Litany**

For you are the King of Peace and Saviour of our souls, and we send up  
 glory to you, to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, always, now and  
 for ever, and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

### **Kontakion**

*Read without note*

O Christ my Saviour, you descended into Hades, shattered its gates as the  
 almighty *Lord*, raised the dead as Creator and destroyed the sting of death.  
 O Lover of the human race, you have rescued Adam from the curse; we all  
 cry to you, “O Lord, save us!”

### **Ikos**

The women set aside their weeping when they heard the words of the angel and saw the resurrection with awe and joy. See, Christ drew near to them and said, “Hail, take courage, for I have overcome the world and set the prisoners free! Go quickly to the disciples and say that I will go before you to Galilee in order to proclaim the good news.” Therefore we all cry to you, “O Lord, save us!”

### **Synaxáron**

Today we remember the dedication of the Basilica of the Resurrection of Christ our God which took place in 335. The church included Golgotha and the Tomb. On the Thirteenth the new Israel celebrate the annual solemnity of the renewal of the Covenant in accordance with the Old Law.

On the same day we commemorate holy Cornelius the Centurion. He became the first-fruits of Gentiles in the Church.

We also remember:

Holy Peter of Agrea C9

Queen and Great Martyr Ketevan of Georgia C17

O God, have mercy on us through their holy prayers. Amen.

### **Katavasías**

1: Moses inscribed the invincible weapon of the cross on the waters and marked a straight line before him with his staff. He divided the Red Sea and opened a path for Israel who went over dry shod. Then he marked a second line across the waters, united them in one and overwhelmed the chariots of Pharaoh. Therefore let us sing to Christ our God, for he has been glorified.

3: The rod of Aaron is an image of this mystery; it comes into bud to show who should be priest. So also the wood of the Cross has now flowered in the Church that once was barren. It has filled her with strength and steadfastness.

4: O Lord, I have heard the mystery of your dispensation. I have considered your works and I glorified your divinity.

5: O three times blessed tree, on which Christ the King and Lord was stretched, the beguiler who tempted the human race with the tree fell

because of you. He was caught in the trap set by God who was crucified on you in the flesh and grants peace to our souls.

6: Jonah stretched out his hands in the form of a cross within the belly of the whale and plainly prefigured your redeeming passion. He was cast out after three days and foreshadowed the mighty resurrection of Christ our God who was crucified in the flesh and enlightened the world by his rising on the third day.

7: The senseless decree of the wicked tyrant confused the people and breathed out threats and blasphemy hateful to God. Yet neither the fury of wild beasts nor the roaring of the fire could frighten the three children. As they stood together in the flame and were fanned by the wind which brought refreshment like the dew, they sang, "Blessed are you and praised above all, our God and the God of our fathers!"

8: Let us praise, bless and worship the Lord.  
O children, equal in number to the Trinity, bless God the Father and Creator. Sing the praises of the Word who descended and changed the fire to dew and exalt above all for ever the most Holy Spirit who gives life to all.

### **Gospel Dialogue**

P/D: Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord have mercy*

P: For you, O God, are holy *and* rest in the Holy Place. We send up glory to you, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

R: Let everything with breath praise the Lord. *X3*

Praise God in his saints;  
praise him in his mighty firmament. *Ps 50*

P/D: And that we may be counted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord our God. *Lord have mercy X3*

P/D: Wisdom. Stand up. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

P: Peace be with you all. *And with your spirit*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

P/D: Let us attend

R: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

### **Eothinón Gospel 3**

From the Holy Gospel according to Mark (16:9-20)

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. <sup>10</sup> She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. <sup>11</sup> But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. <sup>12</sup> After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. <sup>13</sup> And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. <sup>14</sup> Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they sat at table; and he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup> He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." <sup>19</sup> So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup> And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it. Amen.

R: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

### **Resurrection Ode**

P/R: Now that we have seen the resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless one. O Christ, we venerate your cross, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for you are our God, and we know no one else apart from you. We address your name. All you faithful, come and venerate Christ's holy resurrection. For see, joy has come into all the world through the cross. Let us always bless the Lord and praise his resurrection. For he has destroyed death by death by enduring the cross for us.

### **Psalm 50**

O God, have mercy on me in your abundant mercy  
and wipe out my offence through your great pity.  
<sup>4</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my lawless act  
and cleanse me from my sin,

- <sup>5</sup> for I know my lawlessness  
and my sin is always before me.
- <sup>6</sup> I have sinned against you alone  
and done what is evil before you
- <sup>6b</sup> so that you might be right in your words  
and overcome when you are judged,
- <sup>7</sup> for see, I was conceived in lawlessness  
and my mother desired me in sin,
- <sup>8</sup> for see, you have loved truth  
and shown me the mysteries and secrets of your wisdom.
- <sup>9</sup> You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I will be clean;  
you will wash me and I will become whiter than snow.
- <sup>10</sup> You will make me hear about joy and gladness;  
humbled bones will rejoice.
- <sup>11</sup> Turn your face from my sins  
and wipe out all my lawlessness.
- <sup>12</sup> O God, make a pure heart within me  
and renew an upright spirit within me.
- <sup>13</sup> Do not banish me from your presence  
or remove your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>14</sup> Restore your saving joy to me  
and strengthen me with your directing Spirit.
- <sup>15</sup> I will teach the lawless your ways  
and the ungodly will return to you.
- <sup>16</sup> O God, God of my salvation, free me from bloodshed,  
*then* my tongue will rejoice in your justice.
- <sup>17</sup> O Lord, you will open my lips  
and my mouth will announce your praise,
- <sup>18</sup> for if you had wanted sacrifice, I would have given it;  
you will not be pleased with burnt offerings.
- <sup>19</sup> Sacrifice for God is a broken spirit;  
God will not despise a broken and humbled heart.
- <sup>20</sup> O Lord, be good to Zion in your pleasure  
and let the walls of Jerusalem be built,
- <sup>21</sup> then you will be pleased with a just sacrifice,  
with an offering and burnt sacrifices;  
then they will offer calves on your altar.

Glory: Tone 6

O merciful *Lord*, blot out the abundance of our offences through the prayers of the apostles.

Both now:

O merciful *Lord*, blot out the abundance of our offences through the prayers of the Theotokos.

Have mercy:

Jesus has risen from the tomb as he foretold  
and grants us eternal life and great mercy.

### **Intercession**

#### *Short form*

P/D: O God, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Visit your world with mercy and compassion; exalt the horn of Orthodox Christians and send down on them your rich mercy, through the prayers of our all-pure Lady, Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary, by the power of the honourable and life-giving cross, through the protection of the honourable bodiless powers of heaven, through the prayers of the honourable, glorious, prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, of the holy, glorious, all-praised apostles, of the holy, all-praised and victorious martyrs, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, of the holy and just forebears of God, Ioachim and Anna, of holy Cornelius the Centurion, and of all the saints. We ask you, only merciful Lord, “Listen to us sinners as we pray to you, and have mercy on us.”

*Lord have mercy. X12*

Through the mercy, compassion and love for the human race of your only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with the all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

### **Ode 9**

My soul glorifies the Lord

and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. R:

R: *You are* more honourable than the Cherubim

and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim.

You gave birth to God the Word without defilement;

O true Theotokos, we glorify you.

<sup>2</sup> For he has regarded his servant's humility;  
see, from now all generations will call me blessed. R:

<sup>3</sup> For the Almighty has accomplished great *things* for me  
and his name is holy.

His mercy is from generation to generation  
on those who fear him. R:

<sup>4</sup> He has accomplished strength with his arm  
*and* scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. R:

<sup>5</sup> He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones  
and exalted the humble.

He has satisfied the hungry with good *things*  
and dismissed the rich with nothing. R:

<sup>6</sup> He has helped his servant Israel  
in remembering his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his seed for ever. R:

9: O Theotokos, you are a mystical Paradise in which Christ blossomed.  
Through him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth.  
Now at its elevation we bow in worship before it and glorify you.

### Small Litany

**P:** For all the powers of heaven praise you, and to you we send up glory, to  
the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the  
ages of ages. *Amen*

### Holy is the Lord

Holy is the Lord our God. X3

Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool.  
for he is holy.

### Exaposteilária

Tone 3

Christ is risen indeed! Let no one doubt or question. He appeared to  
Mary, then to those who were fishing. After that he appeared to his eleven  
disciples as they sat at table. He sent them to baptise, then he ascended to

heaven from which he had descended; he confirmed the message by the signs which attended it.

### Tone 2

After he had willingly assumed our flesh for the renewal of the world, the Lord God accomplished salvation in the midst of the earth through the cross. He was laid in the tomb and rose on the third day. As a pledge of life we always have the divine Anastasis. We celebrate its dedication with the angels of God.

O Virgin, we joyfully say to you, "Hail, O saviour of Adam and Eve from the ancient curse! Hail, for through you human nature was raised to the heavenly glory of your Son and God! Hail, O Theotokos and Virgin Mary, for angels perpetually worship before the glory in heaven because of you.

## Praises

### Tone 5

Let everything with breath  
praise the Lord.  
Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.  
To you, O God, is due a song.

Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his powers.  
To you, O God, is due a song.

S8: This glory will be for all his holy ones.

O Lord, you came out from the grave, which had been sealed by lawless men, just as you were born from the Theotokos. Your bodiless angels did not know how you were incarnate; the soldiers did not see the moment of your resurrection. These two marvels were concealed from curious minds, but were revealed to those who worshipped with faith the mystery about which we sing. Grant us joy and great mercy as we offer you praise.

S7: Praise God in his saints;  
praise him in his mighty firmament.

O Lord, you demolished the eternal bars and broke apart the chains of the grave. You rose from the tomb and left your wrappings in the grave as a

witness to your three-day burial. You left the guards watching at the tomb and went before your disciples to Galilee. O incomprehensible Saviour, great is your mercy; have mercy on us!

S6: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him for the abundance of his majesty.

O Lord Christ, you suffered for us and the women hurried to your tomb to see you. When they approached with fear, they saw an angel sitting on the stone which had been rolled away. He cried to them “The Lord is risen. Go and tell the disciples that the Saviour of our souls has risen from the dead.”

S5: Praise him with the trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp.

O Lord, you came into the midst of your disciples, although the doors were shut, just as you came from the sealed tomb. O long-suffering Saviour, you revealed the sufferings of the body which you had accepted, for you endured wounds as the Seed of David, but saved the world as Son of God. O incomprehensible Saviour, your mercy is great; have mercy on us.

S4: Praise him with cymbal and dance;

praise him with strings and flute.

S3: Praise him with tuneful cymbals;

praise him with joyful cymbals.

Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

Because we desire to see beforehand the holy sceptre of the cross carried high in the midst of the earth, let us purify our souls in advance. Since we are illuminated with light, let our thoughts be radiant. As we shine with divine power, let us praise Christ who gives his holiness through the precious tree to those who cry out with faith and fervently sing praises to him. X2

Tone 1

<sup>9</sup> Exalt the Lord our God

and worship at his footstool, for he is holy. Ps 98

O Lord, Solomon of old offered up sacrifices and whole-burnt offerings of dumb beasts when he consecrated the temple. But since you, O Saviour, were well-pleased to abolish the shadows so that the truth might be known,

the generations of men offer bloodless sacrifices to your glory. For you sanctify all things through the Holy Spirit as the Ruler of all creation.

Tone 4

<sup>12</sup> God *was* our king in the past;

he has accomplished salvation in the midst of the earth. Ps 73

The church of the nations is renewed today through the precious and life-bearing blood which flowed from the all-pure, incorrupt side of Christ our God who was incarnate of the virgin. Therefore, O choirs of the faithful, let us assemble. Let us glorify the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the one God in being who sustains all things.

Glory: Tone 3

The disciples were rebuked for their hardness of heart because they did not believe Mary Magdalene when she proclaimed the Saviour's resurrection and his appearance to her. Yet they were sent out to preach armed with miracles and wonders. O Lord, you ascended to your Father, the Source of light. Then the disciples preached in every place; they confirmed their words with wonders and miracles. O Lover of the human race, we are enlightened by them and glorify your resurrection from the dead.

Both now: Tone 2

O Virgin Theotokos, you are most blessed, for through the One who was born of you, Hades has been captured and Adam recalled. The curse has been annulled, and Eve set free. Death has been slain, so we are given life. Blessed is Christ our God, whose good will it was. Glory to you!

### **Great Doxology**

Glory to you who have shown us the light!

glory to God in the highest!

Peace on earth and goodwill to men!

<sup>2</sup> We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,  
we glorify you, we thank you for your great glory,

<sup>3</sup> O Lord King, heavenly God, almighty Father,  
O Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,  
and you, O Holy Spirit!

<sup>4</sup> O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us,

- for* you take away the sin of the world.
- <sup>5</sup> Receive our prayer,  
*for* you sit on the right of the Father,  
and have mercy on us.
- <sup>6</sup> For only you are holy, only you are Lord,  
O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.
- <sup>7</sup> I will bless you every day  
and always praise your name for ever and ever. Ps 144
- <sup>8</sup> O Lord, allow us this day  
to be guarded from sin.
- <sup>9</sup> Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers!  
Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. Daniel 3
- <sup>10</sup> O Lord, let your mercy *be* on us,  
for we have hoped in you. Ps 32.
- <sup>16</sup> Blessed are you, O Lord!  
Teach me your statutes. X3 Ps 118
- <sup>12</sup> O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from generation to generation. Ps 89
- I said, "O Lord, have mercy on me;  
heal my soul, for I have sinned against you." Ps 40
- <sup>14</sup> O Lord, I have fled to you;  
teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Ps 142
- <sup>15</sup> For with you is the source of life  
and in your light we will see light. Ps 35
- <sup>16</sup> Stretch out your mercy  
to those who know you. Ps 35

## Triságion

### Resurrection Troparion

Today salvation has come to the world. Let us sing to the one who rose from the dead, the Author of our life. When he destroyed death by death, he gave us victory and great mercy.

## LITURGY

### Antiphon 1 Ps 91

S1: It is good to thank the Lord  
and make melody to your name, O Most High.

R: At the prayers of the Theotokos, Saviour, save us!

S2: To announce your mercy in the morning  
and your truth by night,

S3: For the Lord our God is upright  
and there is no injustice in him.

S4: Glory: Both now:

### **Antiphon 2 Ps 92**

S1: The Lord reigns *and* is clothed with majesty;  
the Lord has put on power and clothed himself,

R: Save us, O Son of God.  
You arose from the dead  
We sing to you, “Alleluia!”

S2: For he founded the world  
which will not be moved.

S3: Your throne *was* made ready in the past;  
you are from eternity.

*Monogenes*

### **Antiphon 3 Ps 94 Tone 5**

S1: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord,  
and shout with joy to God our Saviour.

R: O faithful, let us praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit. He was born from the Virgin for our salvation; for he determined to ascend the cross in the flesh, to endure death and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

S2: Let us enter his presence with thanksgiving  
and gladly cry to him with psalms,

S3: For the Lord is a great God  
and a high king over all the earth.

### **Entrance Ps 94**

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Save us, O Son of God.  
 You arose from the dead.  
 We sing to you, "Alleluia!"

### **Apolytíka**

Tone 5

O faithful, let us praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit. He was born from the Virgin for our salvation; for he determined to ascend the cross in the flesh, to endure death and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

Tone 4

O Lord, we offer in intercession the life-creating cross of your goodness which you have granted to us who are unworthy. Only Lover of the human race, save the Orthodox Christians through the Theotokos.

Tone 4

As you revealed from above the splendour of the heavens, so you revealed on earth the splendour of the house of your holy glory. O Life and Resurrection of all, make it stand firm for ever and accept in it the pleas which we continually offer you through the Theotokos.

*Of the Church*

### **Kontákion**

Tone 4

You have made the church a resplendent heaven to enlighten all the faithful. Therefore we stand in the midst of this holy house and cry to you, "O Lord, make firm this house."

### **Triságion**

#### **Prokeimenon Ps 92 Tone 4**

<sup>5</sup> Your testimonies are very sure;

O Lord, holiness is right for your house to length of days.

<sup>1</sup> The Lord reigns *and* is clothed with beauty;

the Lord is covered and surrounded with power.

## **Apostolos**

From the Letter to the Hebrews (3:1-4)

Holy brothers who share in a heavenly call, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession. <sup>2</sup>He was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in God's house. <sup>3</sup>Yet Jesus has been counted worthy of as much more glory than Moses as the builder of a house has more honour than the house. <sup>4</sup>For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

## **Alleluia Ps 86 Tone 1**

<sup>1</sup> His foundations are on the holy mountains;  
the Lord loves the gates of Zion  
more than all the homes of Jacob.

<sup>3</sup> O City of God,  
glorious things are spoken about you.

## **Gospel**

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (16:13-19)

At that time when Jesus came into the district of Caesare'a Philip'pi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Eli'jah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

## **Communion Ps 148**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights. Alleluia.